(b) the total amount given to the families of the deceased persons as compensation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A total of 690 consequential train accidents occurred on Indian Railways during the period from January, 1986 to January, 1987 and 241 persons lost their lives in these accidents.

(b) The railways are awaiting Awards from the Claims Commissioners.

Accidents by D.T.C. Buses

931. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed in accidents by the D.T.C. buses in Delhi since January, 1986; and

(b) the total amount of compensation paid to the families of the deceased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A total of 190 persons were killed in accidents involving DTC buses in Delhi from January, 1986 to January, 1987. It is the Motor Accident Claims Tribunals which receive and consider the claim applications and make awards. Out of the accidents involving DTC buses during the period from January, 1986 to December, 1986, DTC has received summons/notices in 112 cases from various M.A.C.Ts. However, the M.A.C.Ts. have passed interim Award in 16 cases and have passed final Award in one case only. The Corporation has deposited a sum of Rs. 2,80,000/- as compensation payable to the claiments in 17 of these cases in which interim/final awards have been passed by motor Accidents Claims Tribunals.

S.T.D. facilities in Madhya Pradesh

932. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria according to which the towns/places are indentified for providing the STD facilities;

(b) what are the number of places which have STD facilities in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra and Gujarat as on date; and

(c) what are the names of other places in Madhya Pradesh that are likely to be linked with STD facility during the current Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) In view of limited resources available, the following criteria are followed in identifying towns for STD facilities:

(i) All state capitals and Union territory capitals.

(ii) District Headquarters.

(iii) Exchanges of capacity 1000 lines and more.

In addition, Automatic exchanges which are conveniently linked by existing stable transmission media are also considered for STD facility.

(b) The number of places which have STD facilities in the state of Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra and Gujarat as on date are as follows:—

Madhya Pradesh	18
Kerala	52
Maharashtra	41
Gujarat	22

(c) The names of other places in Madhya Pradesh that are likely to be linked with STD facility during the current Five Year Plan, are:

1. Ambikapur
2. Balaghat